

TRIBUTE TO THE ALTOONA CURVE
BASEBALL CLUB

HON. BILL SHUSTER

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Altoona Curve Baseball Club of Altoona, Pennsylvania, for winning the Minor League Baseball's 2006 John H. Johnson President's Trophy. This award, given annually since 1974, is the highest honor given by Minor League Baseball each year to one of their 176 member clubs for being the top franchise in the league. This award is Minor League Baseball's equivalent of college football's Heisman Trophy. The President's Trophy was presented to the Altoona Curve on December 7, at Minor League Baseball's annual awards banquet.

The presentation of the John H. Johnson President's Trophy marks the third occasion that the Altoona Curve Baseball Club has received one of Minor League Baseball's most important awards. In the last two years, the Altoona Curve has also received the Larry MacPhail Promotional Trophy, as well as Baseball America's Bob Freitas Award. The Curve Club is just the 11th franchise to have received all 3 awards, and is also the first team to receive these awards in just 3 year's time.

The Altoona Curve's commitment to the communities of central and western Pennsylvania has been impressive from day one. In the short 8 years since their establishment in 1999, The Altoona Curve has certainly become a significant and positive part of our region's identity. Living up to their slogan as "Everybody's Hometown Team", the Altoona Curve's accomplishments will surely make them a great part of the memories of the three million fans who have cheered for them at the Blair County Ballpark. Next year, the Altoona Curve will open their season on April 12, 2007, to do what they do best—play ball.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE AP-
PRaisal INSTITUTE ON ITS 75TH
ANNIVERSARY

HON. RAY LaHOOD

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. LAHOOD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to voice congratulations to the Appraisal Institute on its 75th Anniversary and for its advancement of the real estate appraisal profession. Established in 1932 to bring clarity to the real estate appraisal and valuation process in those turbulent times, the Appraisal Institute, with its national office in Chicago, Illinois, is the largest professional association of real estate appraisers, representing more than 21,000 real estate appraisal practitioners in the United States and abroad.

Serving as an impartial third party in real estate transactions, members of the Appraisal Institute play an important role in maintaining integrity in the real estate market. Their unbiased and professional opinions are used everyday by builders, developers and financiers of commercial, industrial and residential prop-

erties. Armed with extensive knowledge and expertise, members of the Appraisal Institute assist federal, state and local governmental agencies that acquire, manage and dispose of real property throughout the country.

Founded on the premise that superior education and adherence to high ethical standards are central to the profession, the Appraisal Institute established professional designation programs to recognize achievement in these areas. Today more than 11,000 members of the Appraisal Institute hold its prestigious MAI, SRA and SRPA designations. They have demonstrated their knowledge, skill and ethical performance through a stringent program of examinations and work product review. Through its education, publishing and membership designation programs, the Appraisal Institute positions its members as the preferred choice for real estate solutions.

The Appraisal Institute has a long history of supporting initiatives consistent with the public good that promote the use of competent appraisers, including the licensing and certification of appraisers. The organization was instrumental in the development of national uniform appraisal standards recognized by Congress in 1989. The Appraisal Institute continues to advocate for important public policy issues affecting consumers and homebuyers, including laws that would strengthen oversight and enforcement mechanisms designed to prevent mortgage fraud.

The Appraisal Institute supports equal opportunity and nondiscrimination in the appraisal profession and is committed to promoting diversity within its membership and throughout the real estate profession. Through scholarships, training and advocacy the Appraisal Institute's diversity program seeks to enhance opportunities for minorities, women and those individuals new to the profession.

For 75 years the Appraisal Institute has been a beacon of integrity for the real estate appraisal profession and for those it serves. In recognition of its theme for 2007, Celebrating Our Past, Valuing the Future, I congratulate the Appraisal Institute and its members for their years of service, and I wish them continued success in their mission.

RECOGNIZING M. HOLLIS CURL ON
A LIFETIME ON ACHIEVEMENT

HON. JO BONNER

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. BONNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a good friend and a great Alabamian, M. Hollis Curl, in recognition of his lifetime of achievement and service to the profession of journalism and the people of Alabama.

Hollis, a native of Red Bay, Alabama, is the long-time editor and publisher of The Wilcox Progressive Era in my hometown of Camden, Alabama.

He began his career in—as he calls it—“newspapering,” by selling copies of The Red Bay News from his shoeshine stand outside the hotel in Red Bay.

During World War II, his family moved to Oak Ridge, Tennessee, which did not have a newspaper at the time. However, Hollis was able to get a paper route carrying the Knox-

ville News Sentinel. He has often recounted the day the WWII ended, and his customers crowded around his “drop spot” so they could get their papers without waiting for him to walk his route to their house.

It was also in Tennessee that a young Hollis Curl began his career in journalism. He started his own neighborhood publication—in the form of a single sheet—which he sold for five cents a copy.

In the late 1940s, Oak Ridge began its own newspaper, and Hollis became one of the first with a paper route for The Oak Ridger. As he became older, he was given various jobs at the paper, but in 1949, Hollis took a break from “newspapering” to serve as a congressional page for the late Congressman Albert Gore, D-Tennessee.

Hollis attended Ole Miss and while there, he worked at the student newspaper. Following college, he returned to The Oak Ridger, and in 1958, he became the advertising manager for the Clinton Courier-News in Clinton, Tennessee.

He returned to Alabama in 1960 to work in the advertising department at The Dothan Eagle. From there, he moved to Butler, where he served as publisher for The Choctaw Advocate and quickly began winning awards from the Alabama Press Association (APA) in various categories. He purchased The Choctaw Advocate in 1968, and later, he and John Jones purchased The Demopolis Times.

In 1969, he and his wife, Glenda, bought The Wilcox Progressive Era in Camden, which is where they reside to this day. Hollis and Glenda recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Throughout the years, Hollis Curl has owned newspapers in Butler, Demopolis, Montevallo and Marion, but today his sole paper is the award-winning Progressive Era.

Of particular significance, Hollis gained national recognition in 1997 when he was selected by Sigma Delta Chi as recipient of the Ethics in Journalism Award. He was the first weekly newspaper editor to receive the award presented at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. In addition, the Alabama Press Association awarded Hollis with their first Lifetime Achievement Award—in addition to awarding him virtually every other award APA gives.

He has also won the Troy State University's Hector Award four times and served from 1975–1976 as the Hall School of Journalism's Grover C. Hall Fellow and Editor-in-Residence teaching editorial writing and press law.

Mr. Speaker, Hollis Curl is a very special person to many of us throughout the State of Alabama, and I rise today to honor and publicly thank him for his many years of service, loyalty, and dedication to the people of Camden and Wilcox County.

As a young boy growing up in Camden, I spent many an afternoon after school in “Mr. Hollis's” house. At the time, I was hoping my elementary school crush on his daughter, Julie, might lead to our being family one day. Such was not meant to be. Regardless, he was then—and has certainly remained—always interested in the wellbeing of the young people of Wilcox County.

While he has taken more than a few politicians to task on his editorial page and in his award-winning, weekly column, “For What It's Worth,” he has always been more than fair to me and to those people in the political arena with whom I have been associated.

And when I first became a candidate for the position I am so honored to hold today, it was my dear friend, "Mr. Hollis," who penned the very first editorial endorsement for my candidacy, even though I was running as a Republican in a congressional district different from his.

Several years ago, "Mr. Hollis" began featuring someone from our community who had made a positive difference in the lives of others. One week, he chose my father's twin brother, Uncle James, to be in the spotlight.

Some months later, when Uncle James had passed away, I wrote "Mr. Hollis" a letter and thanked him for taking the time to recognize someone who had long since been out of the limelight but who so appreciated the attention and recognition that came from the pages of his newspaper.

And that, Mr. Speaker, is the real reason I rise today—to pause and pay tribute to a man who has spent almost all of his adult life writing about others, telling of their joys and sorrows—good times and bad—and for once, I want him to realize how truly special he is to all of us.

In some ways, I guess, I looked at this like when George Bailey, played by Jimmy Stewart in the 1946 hit, *It's a Wonderful Life*, realized that with the help of an angel named Clarence, it had been a wonderful life after all.

I know an entire community of friends and admirers join me in saluting M. Hollis Curl and wishing him many more years of editorials and commentaries. And to his wonderful wife, Glenda, their children, Mark and Julie, and their grandchildren—thank you for sharing this extraordinary person with us for all these years. May God continue to bless them all with good health and happiness.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO RICK HARLOW

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Harlow in recognition of his heroic act in 2001 of saving a neighbor who was being attacked by three dogs.

During the harrowing 2001 incident, Rick was injured and subsequently spent 3 years in a care center. Mr. Harlow made the best of his tenure in the care center by playing his guitar for the elderly and even playing at an in-house wedding for a couple who met and married in the nursing home.

Mr. Harlow was born and raised in Washington State and initially came to Nevada in 1990 on assignment to construct architectural aerial maps of the Hoover Dam area. What originally began as a mere job appointment has evolved into a long term living arrangement, as Rick has been a proud Nevada resident for 16 years now.

Mr. Harlow has always been active and held a love for nature and the outdoors. In 1994 he suffered an unfortunate rock climbing accident where he fell 35–40 feet and sustained a compression fracture to his back in addition to a lacerated liver and ruptured spleen. Mr. Harlow underwent 3 years of recuperation and physical therapy to walk again. He is a proven fighter both for himself and others as he quite

valiantly demonstrated by rescuing his neighbor from that brutal dog attack 5 years ago.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to honor Rick Harlow. His passion for life is inspirational. I applaud him for his heroism and wish him the best with his future endeavors.

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JACK RODGERS

HON. LYNN A. WESTMORELAND

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. WESTMORELAND. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the extensive public service of one of Columbus, Georgia's finest residents, Jack Rodgers.

Jack is retiring from the Columbus Council this year after more than 20 years of service. Jack first came to Columbus in 1961, when it was a very different place. He has worked for Ford Motor Company, and also served as the chairman and CEO of his own mortgage company.

But serving in the corporate world was not enough for Jack—he began his service in the realm of government as well, winning election to the Columbus Council and then being elected as Mayor Pro Tem in January of 1999. Through his service on the Columbus Council, Jack has served as Budget Committee chairman and Ethics Committee chairman. He has been a delegate to the National League of Cities, and has been heavily involved in the Georgia Municipal Association, including service as a Finance Committee Member.

Jack has also served in a number of community organizations, including Rotary, and taught at Chattahoochee Valley Community College for 7 years.

Jack loves his family, and has been married to his wife, Barbara, for 43 years. They have two children and four grandchildren.

Although we hate to see Jack finish his service in the government arena, we are grateful that he will continue to be involved in the community as he moves into retirement.

Mr. Speaker, Jack Rodgers provides a role model to us all of service to others, and we are extremely grateful for his dedication.

CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF HONORABLE RICHARD A. BOSWORTH, SR.

HON. RALPH M. HALL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mr. HALL. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the life of Retired Senior District Judge Richard A. Bosworth, Sr. who passed away last year following a courageous battle with cancer. Judge Bosworth was born in Birmingham, Alabama on December 26, 1922. The Great Depression prompted his family to move to the South Plains of West Texas, where his father worked as a share cropper during the dust bowl years of the mid 30s.

Richard graduated from high school in 1939 and paid his way through Texas Tech College by working in the cotton fields during the summer months and working part-time jobs during

the school year. After graduating from Tech in December 1942, he was immediately called to active duty as an aviation cadet in the Army Air Corps. Richard obtained his pilot wings and commission as a 2nd Lt., and went on to fly 50 combat missions over Europe as a B-24 pilot. Richard's service was honored with the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters among other decorations.

Richard later applied for and received a regular commission in the U.S. Air Force where he spent the next 30 years of his life holding assignments including Wing Commander of the 97th Bomb Wing (B-52s and KC-135 tankers). It was in the service that he met his future wife, Carolyn, who was working as a Red Cross nurse in Montgomery, Alabama. The two were married in 1959 in Sylacauga, Alabama, and had three sons, Rick, Brian, and Greg.

In 1972 he retired from the Air Force as a Colonel and enrolled in law school at Texas Tech University. Upon receiving his JD in 1974, he began practicing law in the Greenville area until he was appointed Judge of the Hunt County Court at Law in 1983. In 1985, he became judge of the newly created 354th District Court which covered Hunt, Rains, and, later, Rockwall Counties. Judge Bosworth served in the 354th until his retirement in January of 1996, after which he continued his work as a visiting judge throughout Northeast Texas. The Judge was an inspiration and a great source of encouragement to two of my sons who practiced in his court. One, Brett, has been honored to succeed Judge Bosworth and is just finishing his second 4 year term. Blakeley is practicing and doing well.

Judge Bosworth dedicated his life to serving his country, first as a member of the military community and later as a member of the judiciary. His dedication to strengthening this nation spanned more than six decades and included service in two branches of government. Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating the life of this wonderful patriot—Judge Richard Bosworth.

RECOGNIZING STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND ADMINISTRATORS AT SUN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

HON. SUE WILKINS MYRICK

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 8, 2006

Mrs. MYRICK. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor and recognize the students, teachers and administrators at Sun Valley High School located in Indian Trail, North Carolina. Over the past two weeks, Sun Valley students have given more than \$23,000 out of their pockets to help the less fortunate in their area. This money will go to a program called the Sun Valley Children's Christmas Party, which will help needy elementary children in their area who won't have a Christmas.

The Sun Valley Children's Christmas Party has been helping impoverished children for more than three decades. It began as a small project to help a handful of needy families experience the joy of Christmas. Today, thanks to the generosity of the Sun Valley community, 30 to 35 needy elementary children, and their families, will have a Happy Christmas this year.